

# **DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **August 25, 2015**

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Darrell Pollesch, Gerald Adelmeyer, Annette Thompson and Ed Nelson.

**Also, present:** Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Co-Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Agent and Co-Department Head, Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Agent, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator and Russ Kottke, Chairman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pollesch to approve minutes for Tuesday, July 21, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS:** Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pollesch to approve the regular meeting per diems.

**REVIEW OF BILLS** Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

### **DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:**

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for July 2015.
- b. Discussion and update on the Crops & Soils Ag Agent position

Hoffman reported that the Dairy & Livestock position is going to be 100% (60/40) and is supposed to be posted this week with a goal of being hired at the beginning of 2016.

Hoffman reported that the Crops & Soils position is going to be 50% shared position (60/20/20) with Fond du Lac County, also supposed to be posted this week with a goal of being hired at the beginning of February 2016.

Dodge, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Washington and Ozaukee counties all have AG positions open at this time.

- c. Discussion and update on the hiring of a Wisconsin Nutrition Education Coordinator

Carroll reported that the prelims were completed and the final interviews are this Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> in Dodge County. They have two candidates coming in, and one is from Dodge County

- d. Discussion and consideration on Pattie Carroll's travel to West Virginia for NEAFCS  
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Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thompson to approve Pattie Carroll's travel to West Virginia for NEAFCS. Motion carried.

e. Discussion and consideration of Elsie Gonzalez resignation letter

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pollesch to accept Elsie Gonzalez's resignation letter.  
Motion carried.

f. Discussion and consideration of the County Conservation Grant resolution

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nelson to approve the County Conservation Grant resolution.

g. Discussion on Mid-year budget review of UWEX Department

Hoffman shared the mid-year amounts of tax levy funds as of August 24<sup>th</sup> YTD, and non-lapsing program account. The Committee stated that it looks like the Extension Department is on track with both accounts.

**EDUCATORS' REPORTS:**

Hoffman: Hoffman shared that he is finishing up work he has done with several organizations. He hopes to continue working with one of the groups on strategic planning. He talked about his work with the Land Conservation Department on a Buffer Ordinance. He was the facilitator for three meetings designed to learn the needs of Dodge County citizens. There is a possibility Hoffman will continue to work with a study group to drill deeper into the issue of soil run off, and erosion in Dodge County. Hoffman also shared that he is a member of a UWEX group studying the effects of recent State level budget cuts.

Witzel: Witzel reported on how programs are happening in the county. The Summer Intern planned, developed and implemented the summer day camps. The last 2 Wild Wacky Weekdays were held since the last meeting, with over 15 youth at one site and of the 8 in Beaver Dam, 5 were not involved in 4-H programs. She also coordinated the Kids, Cops and Canine programs which focused on Safety. The 4-H Program Assistant took leadership for the youth building set up and planning for the county fair. This gave Witzel time to deal with issues at the county fair. Dodge County hosted their first State Shooting Sports event along with organizing their committee this year. Dodge County now has about 10-15 certified adult leaders to teach and had about 100 youth from throughout the state attend the shoot in July at Horicon Marsh Bowmen. Witzel shared that county projects exhibited at the Wisconsin State Fair came back with 7 merit awards and 1 Chancellors award. The County Fair went well with some issues, but overall things seemed to go well.

Carroll: Carroll reported that she attended a working meeting to finish writing the eParenting® Little Ones curriculum. The curriculum will be ready for peer review mid September and should be ready to pilot this fall. As one of the authors of the curriculum, Carroll will host one of three test pilots of the program. Carroll stressed the importance of using technology as a platform for parenting education. As we get deeper into the 21<sup>st</sup> century UW Extension and our programming needs to be responsive. Carroll reported that the eParenting® is just one way that UW Extension is doing just that.

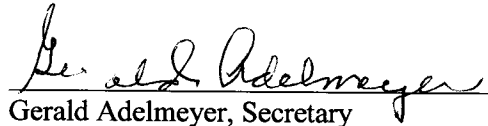
Borden: Borden invited committee members to come to the upcoming 3 carcass shows during the week on Aug. 25-27 for beef, sheep, and swine. These are opportunities to learn how well the animal that was just judged live at the county fair ranked when it comes to quality and yield. She explained that the fair went well and that the cool weather helped the animals immensely. Educational booths in the livestock barns were a new addition by clubs and many visitors enjoyed the information shared with them to learn more about animal agriculture. Borden will be working at Farm Technology Day on Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> to help give visitors opportunity to increase agricultural literacy.

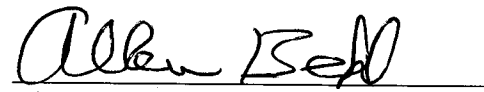
**COMMUNICATION:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, October 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Thompson to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

  
Allen Behl, Chairman